

ND EMS Update – COVID-19 03/29/2020

- Reminder to keep current with your PCR input so cluster cases can be identified, and contact tracing can be more efficient. Please note on PCR if assistance from QRU, Fire or LE present.
- Check back often to the CDC and NDDOH websites for updates.
- Watch Governor Burgum's update at 4 PM (CST) Monday through Saturday. This can be viewed on local news stations or the NDDOH social media.
- If you encounter a patient with unidentified respiratory illness or suspect COVID-19 a surgical mask can be placed over the oxygen delivery device (if O2 is needed).
- Early notification of healthcare facility is a necessity.
- North Dakota is in process of upgrading labs for the COVID-19 five-minute test, which will increase the accessibility to testing.
- DO NOT FORGET:
 - DECONTAMINATE YOUR SHOES
 - DAILY PRE-SHIFT SCREENINGS
 - DO NOT REPORT TO WORK IF ILL
 - TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF--- MENTALLY and PHYSICALLY—DO NOT FORGET NUTRITION and HYDRATION
- This Small Business link has information pertinent to non-profits:
<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
- The following link contains a PPE burn rate calculator: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/burn-calculator.html>
- This link is for information sharing:
<https://www.ems1.com/coronavirus-covid-19/articles/finally-feds-tell-hospitals-they-may-share-information-about-covid-19-patients-with-first-responders-pqVFgUqAd5hWqUeT/>
- Please see the link to the Updated Quarantine Order from Mylynn Tufte, issued on March 28, 2020—the original order is attached as it has important information, follow the link below for the update issued this AM (3/29/2020) on quarantine. Please also note the Emergency Licensure paragraphs in the original document.

Updated to reflect an amendment which removed the order to quarantine for those in the **past 14 days** who had traveled from all international locations and states in the U.S. classified as having widespread disease by the CDC. In addition, the exempt workforce sectors were also added to the order. Find the amended order at [this link](#).

- DEMS is prepared to receive licensure applications for the out of state responders as referred to in the included document. Please fill out the appropriate ND EMS licensure form and attach documentation as referred. ALS responders will need an association with a service/facility and a medical director to sign.

Thank you for all the extra effort in keeping North Dakota Residents and Responders safe.

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!